

HUN LINES CRUSHED NORTH OF THE OURCQ GOUSSANCOURT LOST

To East and South Village of Cierges Has Been Taken by Entente Fighters, After Sanguinary Combat—From Reports of Advance on Thursday Opinion Is Held That Turning Point of Whole Campaign, and Possibly of Entire War Has Been Reached—Germans Must Speed Retreat.

(By The Associated Press)

Crushing in the German lines north of the Ourcq river, the Allies on Thursday carried their front to the northeast from their former positions between Hartennes and Fere en Tardenois.

The exact location of the new line is not given in the early dispatches from the battle field, but it is said that the Allies have established themselves on the high ridges between the Ourcq and the Aisne and dominate the whole western section of the battle area.

The attack was made over a front of about five miles and penetrated to an extreme depth of three miles from the former line. It was reported Thursday night that the Allies are within five miles of Bazoches, an important German railroad center on the Vesle river, which agrees quite closely with this morning's report of the advance to the northeast of Beugneux, the approximate center of the line of attack on Thursday.

Farther east and south the Allies have captured the village of Cierges, after a sanguinary struggle.

In the center of the line important progress is shown in reports from the front. Goussancourt has been captured and the northern edges of Meunier wood has been cleared of Germans. This marks an advance of a mile and three quarters. Nothing is said of the fate of the Germans in St. Gemme, at the tip of the salient, but it is to be assumed that they have retreated from their perilous position.

Farther toward Rheims the important town of Ville en Tardenois has been encircled by the Allies, it is reported. The dispatch would seem to indicate that the German defenders of the place have been surrounded by the Allied advance.

Advices reaching London say the success of the Allies on the western side of the line is the most important accomplishment since the German retreat from the Marne began. The view taken in these dispatches is that the advance on Thursday was the turning point of the campaign, and possibly of the whole war.

While the detailed reports so far received in this country have not shown the ground for this view, it seems clear, at any rate, that the German retreat, which has been proceeding slowly, now must be hastened if the enemy is to escape a terrible pounding from the Allies' heavy guns. The advance of the Allies to within easy cannon range of Bazoches and likewise of Fismes, the German base on the Vesle, will tend to disarrange all plan that the enemy may have formed to hold his opponents at bay until the defenses along the Vesle could be thoroughly organized.

Along the British front there have been raiding operations, with the German artillery quite active in various sectors.

SAUGATUCK P. O. IS CLOSED AGAIN BY NEW OFFICIAL

Saugatuck, Aug. 2.—Postal trouble at the Saugatuck post office has not been ended. Joseph Morton, who consented to serve as postmaster for a month, at request of a postal inspector, after Postmaster Patrick Gates resigned, yesterday closed the place. It is closed today.

The salary of the postmaster was cut from \$1,500 to \$1,100 and Gates resigned after many years of service. His successor was not named and he closed the office. Morton, who was a former postmaster, says that during the month no effort was made by the post office department to fill the office.

Saugatuck is a railroad clearing office for Westport and the postmaster has to be on hand 18 out of the

24 hours. The clerk's allowance is only \$150 a year.

Notice has been given that an examination for applicants for the Saugatuck postmastership will be held in South Norwalk on Sept. 11.

SOVIETS ORDER GORKY'S ARREST

London, Aug. 2.—The arrest of Maxim Gorky, the Russian author and revolutionary, has been ordered by an investigating commission of the soviet government, says an Exchange Telegraph Co. dispatch from Copenhagen.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Express reports that Gorky's paper has been suppressed permanently.

\$42,205,000 TO RAILROADS.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The Railroad Administration advanced \$42,205,000 to the various lines of railroads in July. This sum was distributed to 37 systems and brings the total amount advanced to all roads to Aug. 1 to \$203,714,050.

FIND AUTO COUPLE DEAD BOTH SHOT THROUGH HEAD

Mechanic of Greenfield, Mass., Is Believed to Have Killed Girl Companion and Then Turned Revolver on Himself.

Greenfield, Mass., Aug. 2.—At the wheel of an automobile on a bridge over the Connecticut river here today the police found the body of Clifford B. Wheeler, a mechanic of this city, and on the floor of the bridge the body of Miss Hazel Tanner of Turners Falls.

SOLDIER ACCUSED OF AUTO THEFT

Meriden, Aug. 2.—Under persuasion of a revolver held by Traffic Officer Carroll, a soldier who was driving an automobile, stopped at Main and Colony streets this forenoon. He proved to be Private Virgil F. Gill of New Britain and said he was on his way to Fort Slocum. Five minutes before that Officer Carroll had been notified from Hartford that a soldier had taken an automobile from a street there, and the machine was the one that the officer retrieved.

The way some men use a knife and fork shows that they would be active men digging in the trenches.

ACTION BY JAPANESE IN SIBERIA IS NOW ASSURED

HOLD PERUVIAN FOR SEDITIOUS STATEMENTS

Department of Justice Has Many Complaints of Natives of South America.

Friday, Aug. 2

The local branch of the Department of Justice has been having a great many cases brought to its attention of Spanish residents of the city writing untrue and seditious reports to foreign countries. The writers of such letters will be brought before the department and are liable to find themselves in considerable difficulty.

As an example of this kind, Alexander Mallo Castro, a Peruvian, employed by the Warner Bros. Co. as a former employee of the Remington Arms Co., was arrested yesterday, taken to Hartford, and placed in the custody of the United States marshal. The letters which caused his arrest were addressed to South America, and contained some very startling supposed war news, citing this country as a nation stricken and evidently written with the idea of discrediting the United States.

One letter addressed to his father will be used as evidence against him, and tells of the condition of the people of New York who are in such deadly fear of air raids that their condition borders on insanity. He also claims that the general of the United States Army have told the people "to raise an army as best they can."

Much harm may be done by the spreading of such seditious and false statements in South American countries, which are not particularly sure of their sentiments, and the Department of Justice is well pleased with this arrest.

INSTRUCTORS OF AMERICAN FORCES TO TRAIN UNITS

Washington, Aug. 2.—The American forces in France have reached such a high stage of training in the new methods of warfare that they are to furnish instructors for the new units being organized in the United States. No additional instructors from the Allied armies will be asked except possibly in special technical cases.

It was learned officially today that the war department has ordered a number of officers back from France to command brigades in the 12 new divisions, the formation of which was announced by Gen. March, chief of staff, in the last two weeks.

Among the officers known to have received their orders are Brig. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who is to go to Camp Meade, Md., and Brig. Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt, who went overseas as a colonel of engineers, to Camp Lewis, Washington.

YANKEES PUSHED AHEAD THROUGH FIRE INFERNO

American Advance East and Southeast of Serpy Marked By Fighting of Most Violent Nature, Correspondent Says.

London, August 2.—Fighting of the most bitter nature marked the American advance east and southeast of Serpy on Thursday, says Reuter's correspondent on the American front.

LAKEVILLE MAN HUMAN TORCH IN GARAGE FIRE

Owner Burned to Death in Blaze Which Causes \$30,000 Damage.

Lakeville, Aug. 2.—John H. Smith, garage owner, was burned to death when his place of business, with 11 automobiles in it, most of them belonging to summer residents, was burned last night. The loss was about \$30,000.

Smith had been vulcanizing an inner tube and had gone out. Flames from the vulcanizer ignited a saw wall. Miss Jane Smith, a sister, called to Smith and he rushed into the garage, expecting to save some of the cars. Just then a barrel of oil exploded and the fiery spray came down on him. Men got Smith out but he died later.

The building was of two stories, of wood, on the street front, with a metal one story garage in the rear. This was burned, and the volunteer firemen only by great exertion, saved nearby property. The barn of William B. Perry was on fire three times. In the building William Judd had a barber shop, and Smith and his sister and Morgan Ebert and family had their apartments.

TURKISTAN UP IN REVOLT.

Basel, Switzerland, Aug. 2.—A revolt against the Bolshevik government in Turkistan has broken out, according to news received here today from Ukrainian sources.

Tokyo Has Found U. S. and Entente Plan to Aid Acceptable.

OPERATION PLAN EFFECTED AT ONCE

American Proposition Is for Furnishing Help to Czecho-Slovaks.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Joint action between Japan, the Entente powers and America in Siberia is assured.

Japan has found acceptable the American proposal which primarily looks to the aid of the Czecho-Slovak, now operating in Siberia, and after exchanges between Tokyo and Washington which have cleared up all doubtful points and removed any possibility of future misunderstanding a complete agreement has been reached.

The plan of operation will be put into execution at once. Soon after it had been learned that Japan had accepted the American proposal President Wilson walked to the state, war and navy department buildings where he conferred for half an hour with acting Secretary Polk and Secretary Baker in the war secretary's office.

The president and Mr. Polk left the office together and as they walked along the corridor they had a very serious conversation, which was continued for five minutes in front of Mr. Polk's office, before the president returned to the White House.

PRAISES HIGHLY RAINBOW DIVISION

Washington, Aug. 2.—Striking tribute to the valor and fighting efficiency of the 42nd (Rainbow) division of the American army by Gen. Duport, commanding the French Sixth Army in Lorraine, to which the 42nd division was attached up to the middle of last June, is contained in general orders issued by the French commander bidding farewell to the Americans when they set out for the battle front on the Aisne-Marne lines, where they are today proving their mettle in attack.

Gen. Duport said the division was ready to "take a glorious place in the new line of battle," and paid tribute also to the skill of Maj. Gen. Menoher, commanding and of Col. (now Brig. Gen.) Douglas MacArthur, divisional chief of staff.

AMERICANS NAMED IN CANADIAN LIST

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—The following American names appear in today's overseas casualty list:

Killed in action—J. H. Webster, Bridgewater, Mass.

Wounded—M. K. Rigby, Newport, R. I.; P. H. Callahan, Woburn, Mass.; G. G. Galloway, Lynn, Mass.; J. A. Gillis, Brookline, Mass.; R. T. Hall, New Bedford, Mass.; P. L. Kidd, Dorchester, Mass.; J. McFadyen, Chelsea, Mass.; A. Walter, Attleboro, Mass.

COURT ORDERS BOND IN KELLAR CASE REDUCED

Held on Adultery Charge But Suspicion of More Serious Offense.

Friday, Aug. 2

Attorney George F. Mara, as counsel for William Kellar, of Easton, who with Edith Curtis of the same place was bound over to the September term of the criminal superior court on the charge of improper conduct, appeared before Judge John E. Keeler this morning at a special session of the criminal superior court on a motion asking for a reduction of the bail of \$2,000 which he claimed was excessive. The motion was granted and bail fixed at \$1,000.

At the time Kellar was arrested he had left his own wife and had been living for some time with Miss Curtis who had gone to his home in answer to his advertisement for a housekeeper. A child was born to them which, according to rumor, disappeared. This rumor and many others of similar import gained great credence in Easton and the manner in which the couple lived was a great offense to the townspeople, according to Attorney E. C. Hull, who testified regarding the action taken at the time of the arrest in Easton.

The state police searched diligently for evidence of foul play as regards the child but to date have found very little on which to hang a case other than for the original which was charged against the man. For this reason, and because the man's property is going to rack and ruin, it was desired to get a sum named as bail that he could furnish and be at liberty to look after his property until the court came in session in September.

Assistant State's Attorney Galen A. Carter said he felt sure that something more would be discovered and that there were good and sufficient reasons for holding him. Judge Keeler said that he felt sure the \$1,000 bail would be sufficient to insure Kellar's appearance whenever he was wanted and that it would be a very easy matter to apprehend him as it was rather difficult to get "beyond seas" at the present time.

AMERICAN LINER FIGHTS U-BOAT

New York, Aug. 2.—An American liner reaching an Atlantic port late yesterday reported an attack by a German submarine 150 miles off Sandy Hook yesterday morning.

Two torpedoes were fired at the steamer, one passing within a few feet of the vessel.

The liner turned about and gave battle to the diver. One of the shots fired by the liner is believed to have hit the submarine.

The Portuguese bark Porto was sunk by a German submarine 550 miles off the Atlantic coast July 27. The Navy Department announced yesterday that the crew of eighteen men had been landed at an American port by a British steamer.

After overhauling the bark the submarine's crew destroyed it with bombs placed in the cargo of cotton. No further details were given, but it was assumed the crew was permitted to take to the small boats. The Porto was bound from Savannah to Oporto.

This is the first official word of a submarine operating off the coast received here since a sea wolf appeared suddenly off the Massachusetts seaboard 11 days ago and shelled a tug and barges it was towing.

This occurred several days after the United States cruiser San Diego had been destroyed off Fire Island, N. Y., presumably by a mine planted by the submarine.

TO CUT SALARIES OF WIRE OFFICIALS

Washington, Aug. 2.—The pruning knife is to be used by the government upon high salaried officials of the telegraph and telephone companies. Extensive economies along this line can be instituted without interfering with the service to the government or the public.

In its determination to cut down expenditures in this direction, the commission feels that, within a short time, the rates upon both telegraph and telephone messages can be materially reduced.

Through the unification of the systems the government will save also many thousands of dollars a year. Up to the time the wire companies passed to the control of the Post Office Department, the telegraph companies had their separate officers. While these officials remain on duty under the Postmaster General's order issued Wednesday night, there will be a consolidation as soon as the organization of the department is perfected.

The Postmaster General and those associated with him in the operation of the telegraph and telephone lines are at work upon a plan which, it is believed, will result in promoting efficiency. It is felt by them that the actual operation of the two wire systems should be placed in charge of experienced telegraph and telephone men, those who are and have been in sympathy with government control of these utilities.

FOE IS PRESSED BACK TOWARDS VESLE RIVER BY FRENCH AT NIGHT

Franco-British Fighters Have Penetrated to Depth of 3 Miles on 5-Mile Front on Westerly Side of Marne Salient and This Resulted in Capture of Entire Ridge Forming Watershed Between Ourcq and Aisne—This Taking of Ground Described As Being One of Most Important Recent Gains.

On the French Front in France, August 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The important town of Ville en Tardenois, on the easterly side of the Marne, has been encircled by the Allied forces.

The French are continuing to advance and have taken additional towns and villages at various parts of the front between Soissons and Rheims.

The enemy is resisting desperately, and losing in prisoners.

Paris, August 2.—On the battle field north of the Marne the French troops during the night continued to press back the Germans farther toward the Vesle, says the official statement from the war office today.

London, August 2.—Yesterday's Franco-British attack on the westerly side of the Marne salient was on a front of five miles and penetrated to a maximum depth of three miles, according to news received today. It resulted in the capture of the entire ridge which forms the watershed between the Ourcq and the Aisne, the advices indicate.

The French also captured the entire Neijmiers wood, on the line to the north of Goussancourt, at about the center of the salient.

The advance by the Allies along the western side of the salient is described as extremely important—possibly the most important thing the Allies have accomplished since the Germans have retired from the Marne.

The importance of the victory, it is explained, lies in the fact that the new Allied positions command the whole area to the northward and take in flank and rear the entire western gate through which the Germans have been retiring. This area is a nest of German reserves and field artillery.

Goussancourt itself has been taken by the French, the advices add.

The capture of the important ground on the heights to the westerly side of the line also means that the Germans will not be able to retire in an ordinary leisurely way, and that they probably will have to go beyond the river Vesle in their retreat.

The situation is regarded as extraordinarily good, being described in the advices as the turning point of the summer campaign and possibly of the whole war.

The British have carried out raids at Festubert, northwest of Lens, and at Albert, in the Picardy sector, and have captured several prisoners, according to a statement by the war office today. The German artillery, the statement says, has shown increased activity south of the Somme and south of Ypres, while it has been active north of Bethune and east of Hazebrouck, in the Lys sector.

Washington, August 2.—Counter attacks were renewed by the German forces on American lines along the Ourcq river during the night of Tuesday, but were repulsed, assaulting parties which temporarily penetrated the American lines near Serenges et Nesles being cut off by machine gun fire and their members being killed, wounded or captured, Gen. Pershing reported in his communique for Wednesday, received late last night by the war department.

Southwest of the Boise Meunier American troops, after severe hand to hand fighting, drove the Germans before them into the woods, the communique says. The forest was occupied, and American forces reached the village of Coerges. Hostile raiding parties in Lorraine and Alsace were repulsed.

DECISIONS ARE HANDLED DOWN BY JUDGE J. R. BOOTH

Friday, Aug. 2

Judge John R. Booth of the Common Pleas Court handed down three decisions yesterday, the first being that in the suit of Burns & Crump against the Metropolitan Lumber Co. of Newark, N. J., for damages incurred when the defendant failed to furnish the local contractors with a carload of lumber according to their contract. Damages of \$574 were awarded.

Minor D. Randall was awarded the sum of \$1,300.59 for services rendered Samuel D. Gant of Greenwich in the disposal of his property, "The Rocks," in Darien. He obtained a purchaser who bought the place for \$25,000 after which Gant refused to pay Randall his commission. Judge Booth found the commission should be paid and ordered the above mentioned sum be given him by Gant.

Judge Booth found that Frank B. Roberts failed to prove his case against Ada Pagan of Danbury and gave a decision in favor of the defendant. Roberts alleged that motors from the garage on the Pagan property drove across the Roberts lawn and that fences which Roberts erected were removed. Roberts failed to prove title to the property in question.

LIBERTY 3½ BONDS

SELLING AT PAR.

New York, Aug. 2.—Liberty 3½ per cent. bonds, which are exempt from taxation, sold at par today on the stock exchange here for the first time this year. Steady buying of this issue, by leading financial interests has been noticeable recently.

KAISER THANKS PROVIDENCE FOR HELPING EMPIRE

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—In a proclamation issued to the German people Emperor William says:

"Four years of hard struggle have passed, full of eternally memorable deeds. An example has been given for all time of what a people can do that stands in the field for a most just cause and for the maintenance of its existence."

"Gratefully revering the divine hand which has been graciously extended over Germany, we may proudly say we were not found unworthy in the tremendous task before which Providence placed us."

"If in the struggle our nation was given leaders capable of the highest achievements it has daily proved by fidelity that it has deserved to have such leaders. How could the army front have performed its tremendous deeds if the entire labor at home had not been carried to the highest measure of personal performance. Thanks are due to all who, under difficult conditions, have co-operated in the task set the state and community and especially to our faithful unwavering officials. Thanks are due likewise to the countrymen and townsmen and also the women or whom in this war time so much falls."

RETAINS PERUVIAN CABINET.

Lima, Peru, Aug. 2.—President Pardo has refused to accept the resignation of the cabinet, which was tendered yesterday.

The Ordnance Department announced the establishment of a new production district with headquarters at St. Louis.